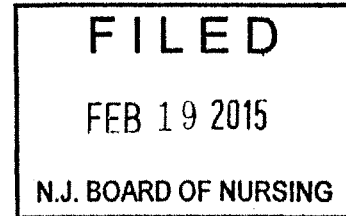


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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	Administrative Action
OR RECOVATION OF THE LICENSEE OF	:	
	:	ORDER OF SUSPENSION
AMANDA JOSE, R.N.	:	OF LICENSE
LICENSE # NR 16100600	:	
	:	
TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED	:	
NURSE (R.N.) IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information indicating the following:

1. Respondent, Amanda Jose, Jr., is the holder of License No. NR16100600 and is a registered nurse in the State of New Jersey.

2. Respondent entered into a private letter agreement with the Board which she signed on or about June 19, 2014.

(Exhibit A) The agreement required respondent to enroll in the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP), undergo

evaluation and monitoring, agree to follow recommendations by RAMP for further treatment, and to refrain from the use of any and all potentially addictive substances. (Exhibit A, ¶¶ 2, 6, and 10) The agreement was to have the force and effect of a Board Order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4. In the event that the Board received reliable information that respondent had acted in violation of the RAMP contract and/or the agreement, the agreement was no longer to remain confidential.

3. In a communication dated November 25, 2014, Case Manager Jillian Scott of RAMP advised the Board that respondent was noncompliant with RAMP monitoring requirements, in that she tested positive for morphine following a urine drug screen on September 26, 2014; Ms. Jose had no prescription for the morphine. Ms. Jose was then advised by RAMP to enter intensive outpatient treatment, but she subsequently ceased participation in RAMP, missing required daily check-ins. On October 17, 2014, Ms. Jose advised RAMP that she wanted to continue RAMP participation, however although she was instructed to resume checking in, she failed to check in from October 21, 2014 onwards. Ms. Jose did not respond to attempts by RAMP to contact her. (Exhibit B)

4. On or about January 16, 2015, a letter issued by overnight and regular mail to respondent at her address of

record, advising respondent that the Board had received credible information indicating that she was not in compliance with the private letter agreement, and advising her to forward within five days any proof that she was currently in compliance with RAMP. (Exhibit C)

5. The overnight mailing was delivered on September 17, 2014. (Exhibit C) No response has been received to date.

6. A certification from RAMP's director, Suzanne Kinkle, dated February 12, 2015 indicates that Ms. Jose no longer participates in RAMP and has not attempted to contact RAMP to remedy the situation. (Exhibit D)

7. The private letter agreement signed by respondent , which by its terms has the force and effect of a Board order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4, provided for automatic suspension of respondent's nursing license upon receipt of reliable information indicating that respondent has violated any term of the private letter agreement. (Exhibit A, ¶13)

8. The conduct indicated in paragraphs #3 and #6 above constitutes a violation of the terms of the private letter agreement, which provides ground for the automatic suspension of respondent's license to practice nursing.

Accordingly,

IT IS on this 19th day of February , 2015

HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey shall be and hereby is suspended for the violation of the private letter agreement, which is deemed a violation of a Board order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e)).

2. Respondent may, under the terms of the private letter agreement, upon notice, request a hearing on the sole issue of whether the information received indicating that respondent has failed to comply with the terms of the private letter agreement was materially false.

3. In the event that respondent seeks reinstatement of her New Jersey nursing license at any future time, the Board shall not entertain any application for reinstatement without respondent's demonstrating that he is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the private letter agreement and with any agreement with RAMP, and is fit and competent to practice nursing.

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